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Greetings Chris.

State Rep. Bill Otto, D-St. Charles, is holding a news conference at 3:30 today to announce that he is asking EPA for what he calls "emergency removal action" to transport away some of the nuclear waste at the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton. Otto says someone on his staff checked old documents and found a significant error _ the nuclear waste makes up .0146 of the landfill, not .000146 as had been previously thought. He said EPA confirmed the error.

Has EPA confirmed old documentation was in error? If so, is there some sort of emergency declaration procedure that could expedite the removal, and what needs to be done for that to occur? IF the amount of waste really is much greater than originally thought, is there any renewed concern in EPA about the danger posed by the underground smoldering?

Any help greatly appreciated, as always.

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